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The Outcrop is sent free to all who are entitled to it and I would be glad to have it sent to you as soon as it is needed. We hope you will be in a position to send me a subscription and I hope the paper is more useful to you. Subscribers will make note that all unpaid bills will be stopped on April 1st. The amounts are small but we need them.

Governments or capitalists looking for smelter sites will find just what they want along Windermere lake.

The Outcrop wants every prospector to call at this office and tell us all about their claims. It is of more interest to the prospector than any one else that all work and locations should be made known to the world. We charge nothing and the prospectors reap the reward.

North East Kootenay offers every inducement to men of energy and push and now is the time to get in on the ground-floor. Many lines of trade are not represented here and those in search of fortune cannot do better than come here and investigate for themselves. We have farming, ranching and mining—what more is needed?

Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, has been somewhat severely criticised in his department by opposition members. In a very neat speech, which was received with applause from both sides of the House, our member cleared up all points. The lateness of last session materially retarded road construction, thus the kick. The reply appears in another column.

Some effective law should be enacted to have the present act, which requires mineral claim holders to do \$100 worth of work annually, enforced. An inspector should be appointed to visit the claims and see that the work required is accomplished. Many claims are held by men who do not do more than \$10 worth of improvements, and thus hold ground for years and I doubt other men from taking it up and developing it.

Everything now points to a stampede into the Windermere district this year. Information is coming from far and near that mining men and their representatives will visit this new camp during the coming season and there is good reason for their coming. The work of the past few months has convinced the most pessimistic that we have mines and plenty of ore carrying good values. Let all the pilgrims come. We have hundreds of good claims to sell and many more to stake. We have farming and ranching lands for all and town lots galore. Come all!

The New Denver Ledge says of the Paradise mine: "Three to four thousand tons of ore are in the ore house." The Ledge is usually a reliable mining paper and should know better than to make such a break as this. The fact that the Paradise started development last June and now has nearly 1000 tons in the ore sheds at Columbia river and two or three times that amount in sight in the mine is quite sufficient and knocks out all the fast records of the Skeem. The Paradise mine, or for that matter the whole Windermere division, needs no such exaggerations as this. The plain unvarnished truth is all that is necessary to be told of this district to prove it one of the most promising in this province. We notice the coast, Spokane and other papers are making similar breaks. If they would quote the Outcrop's statements they would be correct.

Now that it is an almost assured fact that we will have a number of minded men and mining experts in this district this season to investigate the inducements we have to offer in mineral claims, it may not be out of place to make a few suggestions to the present owners.

We agree that the prospector is the hardest working man of today and that he should receive for his work and perseverance the very highest reward obtainable. It is the prospector who puts a pack on his back and climbs the rough rugged mountains. He spends weeks away from the sound of human voices and is entitled to every consideration. At the same time it must be considered that our district is new and every prospector owns from one to ten claims, and will therefore find it an advantage to put a reasonable price on his properties and stay with it. Don't raise the price when a mining man says he wants your claim. You have other claims and the sale and development of one means that your chances of getting a good price for another is increased many times. Don't let your imagination run off with you. Tell the truth, and when an investor has trudged many a weary mile to see your property he will find the facts to be as you state and will have no reason to find fault, even if he is worn out. When you set a price on your claim you will not need the advice of others, so don't ask it. When you are offered your price take it like a man. Don't talk too much; no man can talk all the time and say something. But above all things don't say anything to the detriment of any other property; no man knows what is hidden under the earth's crust.

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## PATRIOTISM VS. TRUTH

In his recent lecture on history in the University, Professor Wrong stated that it was not the function of historians to teach patriotism, but to teach the truth. The professor has given all unwittingly given us an excellent, instructive description of patriotism—at least of those phases of which are most conspicuous today, in which patriotism is contrary to truth, in which it is indeed a lie, nothing more or less. It is a crime against humanity, against civilization, against Christianity, against the Deity Himself, who shed one blood all nations upon the pile to dwell therein, who forbade men think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, to kill or to steal, fear false witness against their neighbor or to covet anything that is his. Patriotism in the ordinary sense teaches men to do exactly all these things. It teaches men to be greedy, selfish and beastly, and vain-glorious about what they call their country, which in reality means only themselves. It teaches men to slander men, to outrage any other nation with whom their eyes may have any disagreements. It teaches them to covet the territories of other nations, to take these territories and kill the former inhabitants for revenge. The wickedness of this process, of slandering, and coveting, and stealing, and killing, it tries to cover up by giving false sounding names such as love of my country, desecrating our graves, upholding the dignity of our nation, developing the resources of a country, extending the area of civilization and Christianity, and various other decent phrases which are made to do the devil's work in confounding the thoughts of men.

For many blades the pulpit will preach the morals. Clergymen, the professional advocates of truth and righteousness, the professed followers of the Prince of Peace, become so beguiled by patriotism that they dare to deny aggressive war and call down the blessings of Almighty God on plunder and slaughter. Judges and lawyers, whose special business it is to maintain the rights of men to their property and their liberty, are shamelessly silent or eloquent in approbation. When the nation launches out on a career of tyranny and plunder, professors in colleges and teachers in schools, to their everlasting shame, join in the cry and endorse of the deed, who should have taught men the truth so well that never more would they desolate the earth with war. Day by day unscrupulous politicians stir up the people to frenzy by the same tactics, like the flood of blood which of Galilee, run down a steep place into the sea of nations disfigure and ruin.

For in the long run nations reap what they have sown. If they sow the seed they must reap the whirlwind. There is no escape from the eternal decree. There is a power that makes the right success in the affairs of men, it matters not whether we call it destiny or duty. They that take the sword must perish with the sword. It may take a long time to work out, but sooner or later nations meet the due reward of their deeds. Where now are Assyria, and Persia, and Macedonia, and Rome? Selected only for future Alexander the Great, and Augustus Caesar, all had a vast empire which had been, they all declared with vain-glorious arrogance that what they had they would hold. But now their palaces and their empires are alike in ruins, the glory of their haughtiness is a tale that has been told, there was no wisdom in them. What has been well said: Britain will find, as these nations find, and she is finding already, that once of army and volume of trade are no guarantee of national stability and permanence. It is only righteousness that will tell a nation.—A. G. S.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

Great was the stir and turmoil at Windermere. Long before daylight, while all the gear was still with a time of frost, some were struck, but heads rolled, blankets rolled, and after breakfast they, together with the Quarter-master's stores, mess kit, foodbags, and all the equipments of a summer campaign, were loaded upon the transient wagons. At noon the troop was to march on the first short stage of a journey across the Rocky Mountains to the Coast. Next day in the winter station, the division headquarters on the coast plain.

But the sheets of routine were long before midday. The Colonel had a magnifying glass to hear the charge of insubordination brought against the prisoners, Barrows and Ramsey. Moreover, Fragmental Number One, Constable La Mancha, on the expiration of his term of service, was to "turn in" his kit, to receive his discharge, and to be turned off by the strength of the force. But neither could the armor case be examined to lack of the chief witness, nor could La Mancha be discharged, until he had surrendered his horse, arms, accoutrements and clothing. And the Blackguard was about without leave.

The Colonel was furious, reviled the Sergeant-Major, cursed the Constable and the Guard under arrest, also the ticket for permitting La Mancha's midnight departure. The Sergeant-Major left the camp, greeting the Blackguard with a long, cold stare. From the Colonel to the troop all realized that the presence of a lady in camp had changed the situation, particularly as the lady was obviously attractive—a maid so sweetly shy that everything must be done to her at once, to smooth the roughness of her surroundings, to show Dundy in his best behavior.

Leaving his wife in charge of Dandy Irvine, as the most respectable man in the division, La Mancha went about the camp taking up all the uncolored eggs and worn-out garments to represent his kit, which was to be delivered over to the authorities, together with his armor and accoutrements. At another time the Quartermaster would have asked what equipment had been rolled, now he received the whole mass of rubbish with the blanket, smelt, a changing into his own equipment, the Blackguard gave away his government clothes to all who would accept them as his parting gift, receiving only a few buffalo robes, a set of blankets and some underwear for future use.

The Colonel hostile, sitting as magistrate, found means to discharge his prisoners on the ground of insufficient evidence. Then the Sergeant-Major presented La Mancha's discharge, filled in with the obvious falsehood that his character and behavior were both, and had always been, "very good."

"Now, La Mancha," said the Colonel, "besides your pay you are entitled to transport and maintenance to your place of destination—Winnipeg. Will you have cash or a requisition?"

"Cash, sir."

The Colonel wrote out a cheque to cover the costs of this imaginary journey of 1200 miles, a second cheque for La Mancha's pay up to date and a third for the cost of a wedding present from the officers of the division.

Dinner followed, Dandy and all the non-commissioned officers fighting among themselves for the right of the honor. La Mancha, who sat in state upon a buffalo coat near their camp fire, all smiles and blushes. This was her wedding breakfast, served under the frosty blue sky by a swarm of soldiers, who one and all would have offered with the beef and bread their hearts and hands, but for the prior claims of their comrades. Meanwhile the Blackguard, respectfully declining invitations from the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, dined for the last time with the troop, and afterwards when pipes were lit before the smoking, accepted a wedding present from D Division which would not ferociously help in his provision for married life.

Only Mr. Burrows and Mr. Ramsey, discharged from their arrest and welcomed by the Officers' Mess, were discontented with the shiny sunlight, the day bright with the scent of the drying summer. Outrigger by the Blackguard, banished in their summer treatment by the law, their grievance received hilariously as a huge joke, they were only too glad to receive the money with a plea of pressing business at the Throne, while their erstwhile departure after dinner provided the troop to a host of ironical cheering.

But the Blackguard and his Seniors, mounted on horses left by the Sergeant-Major, rode out with the troop on its first stage down the valley, an advance which Violet La Mancha will ever remember as the most delightful thing in her life. Indeed, it was a sight to stir one's blood that march of frontier

avalry, to see the big bronzed men sitting upon their horses with careless grace, the tough, wiry bandoliers swinging lazily after a canter, the transient numbering boldly in the midst, and all down the long double line of riders the gleam of blue rifle barrels, a glitter of belts, a glow of scarlet.

The valley reached away on every side in all its loveliness of bush and prairie, on either side long white hills above the sunny slope of distant forest, and over all were soft little clouds like herded driven sheep, while the sun raced westward to his setting through dim immensities of sky.

"See," said the Blackguard proudly to his wife, "vonder, right at the foot of the hills, I've built a cabin for you of great big logs, and the whole are all filled with moss to make it cozy. The stove is in the snugger corner, and all the furniture is made with an axe of clean red cedar, smelling ever so fresh, like pencils. You can look out among the pine trees down to the creek, which is full of trout for your supper, and I've thought away the best of the best side of the door after sundown we can see right away across the valley to the great high peaks above the Crown's Nest Pass. Will you be contented, my little one?"

"Yes, I shall always be contented, because I have you, my great big Blackguard—and I love you."  
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